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1. SUMMARY. FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL HAS TOLD US THAT THE GERMANS HAVE PROPOSED SOVIET-FRG DISCUSSIONS IN THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY (IN MOSCOW) ON THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE ISSUE FOR WEST BERLIN, AND THE INCLUSI N OF WEST BERLIN IN FRG BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNIST *OUNTRIES. ND SUMMARY.

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2. VAN WELL TOLD AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND JANUARY 7 THAT

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ONLY THE VERY LAST FORMALITIES REMAIN REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE PRESENT GERMAN CHARGES IN THE TWO CAPITALS WOULD BE RAISED SHORTLY TO AMBASSADORS. ON FRG LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR WEST BERLIN, THE GERMANS AND SOVIETS HAD AGREED AT THE TIME OF SCHEEL'S VISIT TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG-CZECH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE SOVIETS HAD NOW TOLD THE GERMANS THEY WERE CONSULTING WITH THEIR ALLIES, AND THE FRG FOR ITS PART HAD SUGGESTED A VISIT TO MOSCOW BY A FOREIGN OFFICE DELEGATION IN THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY.

3. VAN WELL SAID ONE HEARD DIFFERENT VOICES ON THE EASTERN SIDE ON THE ISSUE OF FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN. IN THE FRG-GDR TALKS, THE EAST GERMAN NEGOTIATOR NIER HAD TOLD HIS WEST GERMAN COUNTERPART GAUS THAT FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN JURIDICAL PERSONS WOULD CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE GDR COULD BE RELIED UPON TO MAKE FURTHER TROUBLE, VAN WELL SAID, AND IT HAD SOMETHING OF A LOBBY IN THE THIRD EUROPEAN DIVISION OF THE SOVIET MFA (HE MENTIONED BONDARENKO AND KVITSINSKY.) VAN WELL HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE "DETERMINED LANGUAGE" IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN'S RECENT ORAL DEMARCHE ON THE QUESTION OF THE PROPOSED MEETING IN BERLIN OF THE BUNDESTAG PRESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS. FALIN HAD MADE THE POINT THAT SUCH MEETINGS WOULD VIOLATE THE QA, WHICH EXCLUDES ACTS OF STATE AUTHORITY BY THE FRG IN BERLIN. IN FACT THE QA EXCLUDES THE EXERCISE OF DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY OVER REPEAT OVER WEST BERLIN BY THE FRG, A VERY DIFFERENT MATTER. THE GERMANS HAD TOLD FALIN THEY THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WERE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE IN PERMITTING A CAMPAIGN ON BERLIN, AND IF THE SOVIETS WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE FRG (AND WITH THE EC NINE), THEY SHOULD STOP MAKING TROUBLE.

4. THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THE HARD LANGUAGE USED RECENTLY BY BELETSKY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRG ENVIRONMENT AGENCY IN BERLIN. BELETSKY HAD REFERRED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SANCTIONS "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QA". IT WAS HARD TO KNOW WHAT THIS MEANT, BUT THERE WAS LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENCY IN BERLIN. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF IT WOULD IN FACT BE ESTABLISHED THERE. VAN WELL SAID THERE WAS AN BSOLUTELY FIRM DECISION ON THIS.

5. VAN WELL REFERRED TO THE CONCLUSION OF A SOVIET-FRG TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT. HE RECALLED THAT THE TWO SIDES
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HAD FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS ISSUE LAST YEAR.
THE SOVIETS (BONDARENKO) HAD TAKEN THE LINE THAT THE
SOVIETS COULD NOT COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES IN
BERLIN. THE GERMANS HAD SAID IN THAT CASE IT WAS IM-
POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT. THE
MATTER DID NOT COME UP DURING SCHEEL'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. NOW, A FEW DAYS AGO, THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BONN HAD
MADE A NEW SUGGESTION FOR THE INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN
IN FRG BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, LEAVING THE QUESTION OF
LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION.
THE AMBASSADOR
OBSERVED THAT IF THE SOVIETS SUCCEEDED IN THEIR
HAGGLING OVER THE NAME OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, THEY
WOULD TRY TO GET MORE NEXT TIME AROUND. VAN WELL
AGREED. HE ADDED THAT THE GERMANS WERE CONSIDERING
USING IN FUTURE SOME FORM OF WORDS AVOIDING THE TERM
"FEDERAL" IN ESTABLISHING AGENCIES IN WEST BERLIN.
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO USE "CENTRAL"
INSTEAD.
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